



# MONTANA URBAN FORESTER

*The Newsletter of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
Urban Forestry Program—Winter 2005*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Tree City USA and Growth Award  
Applications DEADLINE!**

Contact MT DNRC at 406-542-4284.

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**JANUARY 4-6, 2006**

**Montana Nursery & Landscape Asso-  
ciation Annual Meeting & Trade  
Show, Helena.**

Contact MNLA at 888-220-1569 or  
[www.plantingmontana.com](http://www.plantingmontana.com)

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**JANUARY 30 -31, 2006**

**Association of Montana Turf and  
Ornamental Professionals (AMTOP)  
Annual Conference & Trade Show,  
Billings.**

Contact AMTOP at 866-442-6867 or  
[www.amtop.org](http://www.amtop.org)

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

**2006 Montana Urban Forestry Grant  
DEADLINE!**

Visit <http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/> for  
information and application

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

**Montana Urban and Community For-  
estry Association (MUCFA) meeting,  
Billings.**

Contact MT DNRC at 406-542-4284.

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2006**

**Montana Arbor Day Poster Contest  
DEADLINE!**

Contact MT DNRC at 406-542-4284.

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**FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2006**

**Community Forestry Leadership Fo-  
rum, Lied Lodge and Conference Cen-  
ter, Nebraska City, Nebraska.**

## ***\$40K AVAILABLE FOR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECTS***

*The Montana DNRC is sponsoring the 2006 Urban Forestry Grant program for cities, towns, counties and tribal governments (communities) on a competitive basis to educate, stimulate interest in, and assist with the development of effective urban forestry programs in Montana. The following grant programs are available:*

### *Arbor Day Grants*

*\$150 and \$400 maximum grant; 35% match required.*

### *Tree City USA Grants*

*\$500 maximum grant; 35% match required.*

### *Tree Inventory: Management Plan: Tree Ordinance Grants*

*\$2000 maximum grant ; 100% match required (please note the grant announcement on the website is incorrect; the correct maximum grant amount is \$2000).*

### *Association of Montana Turf & Ornamental Professionals (AMTOP) 2006 Conference Registration Grants*

*\$200 maximum grant for AMTOP conference registration; no match required.*

*The grant deadline for all programs is February 1, 2006. All project work must be completed by no later than June 30, 2006. Grant overviews and applications are available on-line at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry> or by calling 406-542-4284.*

## ***2006 MONTANA ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST***

*The Montana DNRC is sponsoring the 2006 Arbor Day educational program and poster contest for 5th grade students. The theme for this year was "Trees are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes!" The 2006 poster contest deadline is FEBRUARY 24, 2006. Curriculum packets with all the contest guidelines will be mailed to 5th grade teachers and Tree City USA contacts statewide in early January.*

## ***GOVERNOR CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY IN CHOTEAU***

*Governor Brian Schweitzer was joined by the Montana DNRC Director Mary Sexton and State Forester Bob Harrington in Choteau for the 2005 Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting Ceremony.*

*The ceremony hosted by the Choteau Public Schools and the City of Choteau included the presentation of the 2004 Tree City USA designation to Choteau Mayor Dan Clark,*

*a choral performance and poetry recitation by Choteau Elementary School students followed by a tree planting with the Governor. Choteau was one of two new Tree City USA communities in Montana this year.*



## **MONTANA URBAN FORESTRY STATS**

Montana has 41 Tree Cities

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46% of all Montana residents live in a  
Tree City USA (414,204 )

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\$2.3 million spent by cities and towns  
on urban forestry in 2004

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10,525 hours of volunteer service  
logged in 2005

## **MISSION**

The Montana Urban Forestry Program assists communities with establishment and management of local urban forestry programs. The program assists local governments, community leaders, volunteers, and the tree care industry with technical and financial assistance, planning, and volunteer coordination. Funding for this program is made possible through a grant from the USDA Forest Service.

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<http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/>

## **MONTANA URBAN FORESTER**

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## **CERTIFIED ARBORIST SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

*The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) are awarding scholarships to cover fees involved in earning the ISA Certified Arborist credential.*

*This grant program is targeted to communities without enough resources to hire a municipal arborist or urban forester, or where there is not already an ISA Certified Arborist working with the local community.*

*State Urban Forestry Coordinators are vital to the improvement of tree care in many communities. Unfortunately, there are more communities in need of training and education than can be addressed by the resources currently available at the state level. The goal of the program is to provide the State Coordinators with more trained individuals that can help them educate communities on proper tree planting and preservation.*

*ISA will cover the cost of the exam, membership to the ISA and local chapter, a chapter training workshop and exam study guide. In exchange, once the individual has passed the exam, the newly certified arborist will donate 80 hours of time to train and educate volunteers, schools and government officials on proper tree care.*

*Any arborist working for a private tree company, a tree company contracting with any government entity, or the municipality is eligible. The nominations will be reviewed and the scholarships awarded by ISA in consultation with the State UCF Coordinators, based on community needs. Candidates must meet the necessary experience requirement to become a certified arborist in order to apply and can review ISA's Certified Arborist application online at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com) or by contacting the ISA certification department at [cert@isa-arbor.com](mailto:cert@isa-arbor.com) or (217) 355-9411.*

*The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world, offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. ISA has been certifying arborists for more than a decade in order to improve the level of overall knowledge and to develop and implement standardized tree care practices.*

## **AMTOP 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Tradeshow**

*January 30 & 31, 2006*

*Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 223 Mullowney Lane, Billings, MT 59101*

*Reservations: 1-800-537-7286, Information: [www.amtop.org](http://www.amtop.org)*

### **Keynote Speakers:**

*Kim Gibbs, Riding the Winds of Change*

*Lynda Wightman, Understanding Irrigation Basics*

*Rob Dillon & Jon Paul Paulson, Basic Tree Climbing Techniques & Aerial Rescue*

*Plus information on Japanese beetles, mosquitoes, bats, skunks & others....*

### **Raffle...3 chances in 1000!! GREAT ODDS!**

*2 Bombardier Rally 200 4-Stroke Quads & A gas powered Honda generator*

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